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REMARKS

Applicants have submitted herewith, under separate cover, a terminal disclaimer for the purpose of obtaining a Notice of Allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 1-53 would be allowed if Applicants overcome the double-patenting rejection. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for this indication.

Double Patenting Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-53 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-2 and 4-53 of U.S. Patent No. 6,746,180.

In response to these rejections, Applicants have filed a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c).

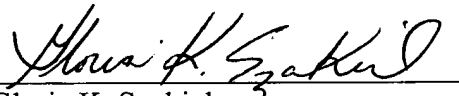
Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the double patenting rejections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed herewith for the fee for filing a terminal disclaimer. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning this Response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent.

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